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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) See Continuation Sheet is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-9,11-17,19-21,23-29,31-37,39-41,43-49,51-57,59-61,63-69,71-77,79 and 80 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received:

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims pending in the application are 1,3-9,11-17,19-21,23-29,31-37,39-41,43-49,51-57,59-61,63-69,71-77,79 and 80.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The indicated allowability of claims 2, 10, 18, 22, 30, 38, 42, 50, 58, 62, 70, 78 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference to Blight (US 2002/0184418 A1). Rejections based on the newly cited reference follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 3-9, 11-17, 19-21, 23-29, 31-37, 39-41, 43-49, 51-57, 59-61, 63-69, 71-77, 79-80 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeFino (US 6,104,783) in view of McCalmont et al. (US 2004/0184584 A1, hereinafter "McCalmont"), and further in view of Blight (US 2002/0184418 A1).

Regarding claim 1, 9, 17, 21, 29, 37, 41, 49, 57, 61, 69, 77, DeFino discloses a locator for a wireless communication device that has a device identification (portable transmitter 121 has its own identification number; col. 4, lines 25-27; col. 9, lines 57-58), the locator can be coupled to an outlet box that is mounted to a wall and has a physical location (wireless receiver 113 is coupled to a wired telephone 103 and telephone wiring 111 via a telephone jack; col. 4, lines 43-47; col. 7, lines 49-50), comprising:

a housing that is coupled to the outlet box (see housing of receiver 113; Figure 3);

a transceiver (receiver 113, depicted as 201 in Figure 8, wirelessly receives data identifying the particular portable transmitter from portable transmitter 121 via antenna 211; col. 4, lines 53-61; col. 6, lines 62-65; col. 4, lines 25-29; col. 6, lines 42-44); and

a circuit that is coupled to said transceiver and contains a stored locator address and transmits said stored locator address and the device identification (receiver 113 transmits identifying data which identifies the particular transmitter and locating information which identifies the location of the wireless receiver to a data processing system 510 via telephone lines 111; col. 4, lines 24-39).

DeFino differs from claims 1, 9, 17, 21, 29 37, 41, 49, 57, 61, 69, 77 in that it does not specify the data processing system as including a server. However, since DeFino is directed to reporting personal alarms, and McCalmont teaches the desirability of reporting personal alarm information to an emergency service complex 216, which includes a database 264 and server 256 (page 2, paragraphs 13-15; page 5, paragraph 41 – page 6, paragraph 42), such that it would have been obvious to an artisan of ordinary skill to incorporate such reporting to a server with a relational database, as taught by McCalmont, within the system of Defino in order to conveniently deliver

emergency information, including location information, to an external server for use by the appropriate PSAP.

The combination of DeFino and McCalmont differs from claims 1, 9, 17, 21, 29 37, 41, 49, 57, 61, 69, 77 in that it does not teach the circuit comparing the device identification with a stored device identification and only transmitting the device identification and stored locator address if the device identification is different from the stored device identification. However, Blight teaches that it is well known for a base station to scan for wireless devices, compare the list of devices with a list already associated with the base station, and to transmit a device identification to a remote location database when a new device is determined in order to update the location database (paragraphs 46, 90, 142). It would have been obvious to an artisan of ordinary skill to incorporate such comparing and selective transmission, as taught by Blight, within the combination of DeFino and McCalmont in order to ensure the location database is kept current while transmitting only when new data is determined.

Regarding claims 3, 11, 19, 23, 31, 39, 43, 51, 59, 63, 71, 79, McCalmont provides for receiving the emergency call as a 9-1-1 call (page 8, paragraph 66).

Regarding claims 4, 12, 24, 32, 44, 52, 64, 72, receiver 201 includes a controller 215 with memory (Figure 8; col. 9, lines 8-10).

Regarding claims 5, 13, 25, 33, 45, 53, 65, 73, receiver 201 includes a receiving antenna 211 and a transmitting antenna 220 (Figure 8).

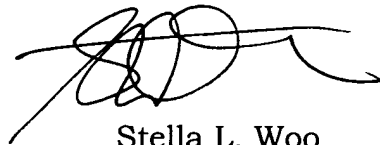
Regarding claims 6-7, 14-15, 26-27, 34-35, 46-47, 54-55, 66-67, 74-75, telephone interface 231 comprises telephone jacks and wiring (Figure 8; col. 7, lines 48-54).

Regarding claims 8, 16, 20, 28, 36, 40, 48, 56, 60, 68, 76, 80, receiver 113/201 retransmits identifying information received from transmitter 121 to a data processing system via telephone lines 111 (col. 4, lines 4-65).

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stella L. Woo whose telephone number is (571) 272-7512. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curtis Kuntz can be reached on (571) 272-7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stella L. Woo', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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